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2018 Feed the Future IP Meeting *RING Project Presentation* *Intentionally Engaging Women*

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RING GOALS & OBJECTIVES

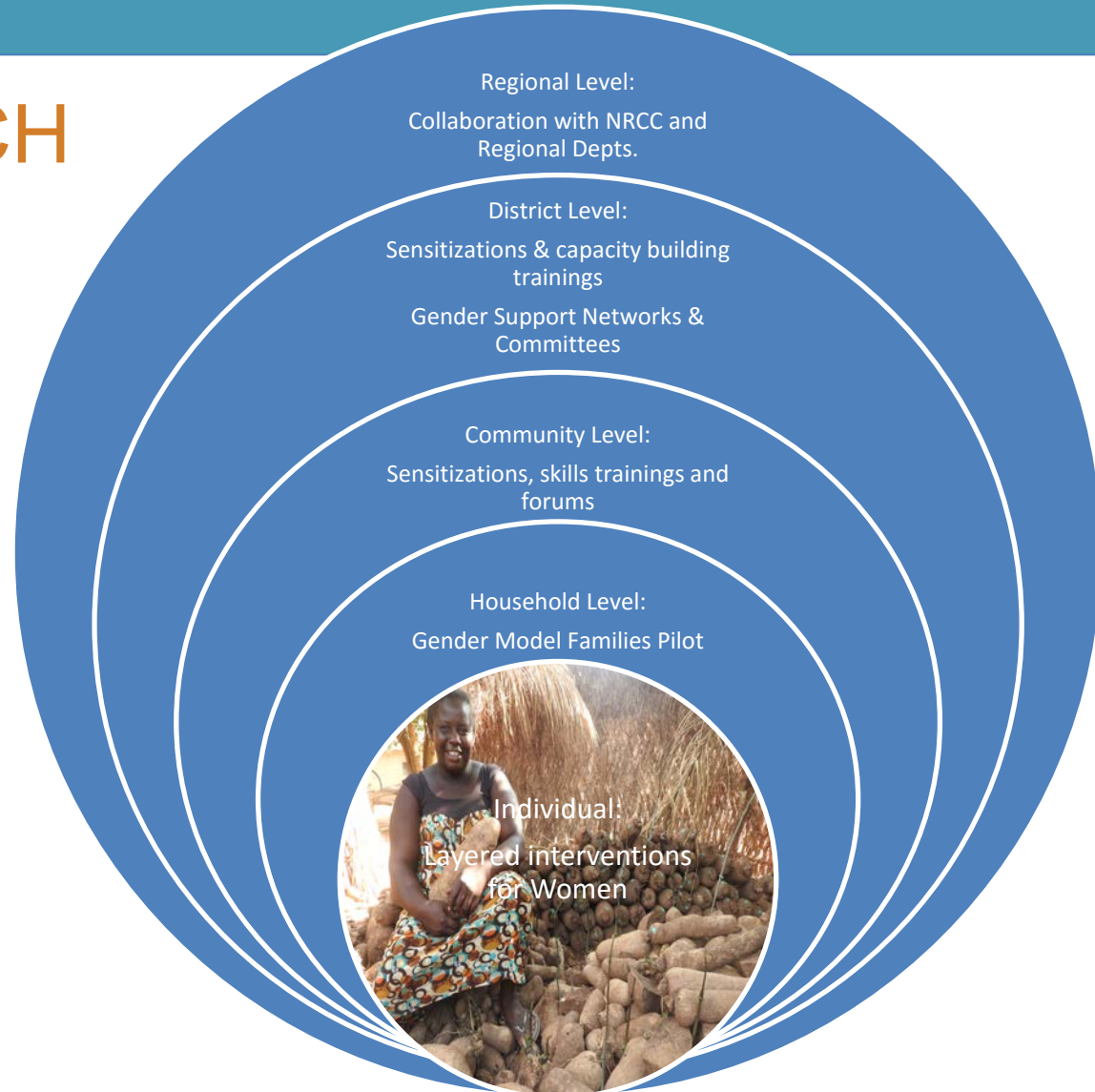
- Poverty and malnutrition reduction
 - *20% reduction in anemia, underweight, stunting, and wasting*
 - *80% of households increase income by 100%*
- Direct funding & implementation through GOG partners, focusing on strengthening existing systems for sustainable results
 - *17 MMDAs*
 - *7 Departments of the NRCC*
- Technical Focus Areas:
 - Agriculture, Livelihoods, Nutrition, WASH, and Good Governance





OUR APPROACH

- USAID's Local Solutions Framework principles
- BRAC Ultra Poverty Graduation Model
- Strategic targeting and support of Women
- Engagement of Men





GETTING WOMEN INCOME SECURED

Agriculture & Livelihoods Interventions

- Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA)
- Orange Fleshed Sweet Potatoes (OFSP)
- Leafy Green Vegetables (LGV)
- Small Ruminants
- Groundnuts
- Poultry pilot
- Bee keeping pilot





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BUILDING RESILIENCY THROUGH LAYERED INTERVENTIONS

“Before the RING intervention, I felt like a housewife who only takes care of her children at home and supports her husband at farm. I was not engaged in any economic activity that could support my family and my needs. With RING, I have seen a lot of positive change in my life and that of my family. The frequency and quality of food we eat has improved, I can support my husband financially in the upkeep of the home, and also meet my needs and that of my family.”

-Sawda Abdul-Rahaman

Nasamba, Nanumba South District



Sawda processing food for sale, Nasamba, Nanumba South



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CHAMPIONING GENDER INTEGRATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

"...With RING support, I have been able to form a Gender Support Network comprising fifteen members from decentralized departments to work together to champion gender issues in the district..."

- Alijata Haruna, Gender Desk Officer
West Gonja District Assembly



Mrs. Alijata Haruna presenting her District Gender Action plan during a regional gender review meeting, Tamale.

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GENDER MODEL FAMILY PILOT (SEND GHANA MODEL)

Pilot in 3 communities in Nanumba South
Experience sharing workshop for GMF
husband & wife teams reported:

- Appreciation for husbands' support to take care of children & keep them well-fed
- Husbands support with cleaning inside and outside of the house
- Both reported more peace and joy in the house
- Men support women in small ruminants rearing & transport to markets for trading



*Husband and wife team cooking for the family,
Nasamba, Nanumba, South District.*





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